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PRIVATE INSURANCE COMPANIES IN RURAL AREAS
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Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

- (a) whether private insurance companies are not able to achieve the target set for rural areas during the last three years ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof alongwith names of private insurance companies; and
- (c) the action taken by the Government/IRDA against such private insurance companies ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PAWAN KUMAR BANSAL)

(a) to (c) As reported by the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority (IRDA), the private sector insurance companies are fully compliant with their obligations towards the rural areas during the last three years. In a few instances, where the insurance companies were unable to comply with their obligations in a given financial year on account of being in the initial stages of setting up of operations, the Authority has directed the respective companies to cover up the shortfall in the next financial year, which was complied with. The names of the insurance companies, targets assigned and achievements made by them for rural areas during the years 2002-03 to 2004-05 are given in the enclosed statement.